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Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 16-20 August 2004
Executive Summary

Future Planning Calendar

(U//~~AIUO~~) 8 September 2004: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP): Next Liaisons' meeting at NARA in Washington, DC.

(U//~~AIUO~~) 28 September 2004: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP): Next Principals' meeting at EEOB in Washington, DC.

(U//~~AIUO~~) 31 December 2006: The Automatic Declassification Date per Executive Order 12958, as amended.

Overview of IRR Activities--Last Week

(U//~~AIUO~~) FOIA Requests

(U//~~AIUO~~) Seeking CIA Records on SIDE
(U//~~AIUO~~) The National Security Archive is requesting all CIA documents [in whatever form] relating in whole, or in part, to the *Servicio de Informaciones del Estado* (SIDE)—the Argentine presidential intelligence service— for the years 1970 to 1974. The requester emphasizes an interest in "information in command and personnel assignments, detainees and interrogations, and operations and activities within the center, such as torture and human rights abuses and violations."

- *For recordkeeping purposes, the FOIA case manager notified the requester that we were combining three Archive letters (covering the full 1970-1983 period) into a single request.*

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(U//~~AIUO~~) Technical Information Sought on Aluminum Tubes
(U//~~AIUO~~) The Institute for Science and International Security (ISIS) is seeking any information regarding "investigations or experiments by retired or active Oak Ridge personnel for the Central Intelligence Agency about aluminum tubes suspected to be for an Iraqi gas centrifuge program, including the spinning of the tubes, physical properties of the tubes, and failures of the tubes." In addition, ISIS is requesting all pertinent information released under previous FOIA requests.

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(U//~~AIUO~~) Inmate Seeks CIA Information on Behavior Control
(U//~~AIUO~~) A requester from Lebanon [Ohio] Correctional Institution is seeking: 1) a copy of a "1979 CIA Commission Report that addresses the subject of mind control (referring to chemical and, perhaps, electromagnetic means)" and 2) "information on acoustical weaponry, as recently discussed at a European Parliamentary open hearing on infrasound devices."

- *After searching the MORI database of previously released records, the FOIA case manager located what*

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appears to be the responsive document —the 171-page transcript of the CIA's testimony at a joint hearing in 1977 before the Select Committee on Intelligence, and the Subcommittee on Health and Scientific Research of the Committee on Human Resources, of the United States Senate. This testimony includes all recallable aspects of the Agency's involvement in research in behavior control during the 1950s and 1960s. Because copying costs beyond the first 100 free pages were minimal in the "all other" fee category, the document is being provided without charge, as a matter of administrative discretion. A computer search failed to locate documents responsive to the second part of the request. (b)(3)

(U//~~AIUO~~) Interest in Noted War Correspondent Gloria Emerson's Coverage of the Vietnam War
(U//~~AIUO~~) A professor at Old Dominion University is seeking access to, and copies of, CIA files on Gloria Emerson. The scholar notes that she is writing a book about women correspondents who covered the Vietnam War—as well as teaching a journalism course that will incorporate our responsive information. Specifically, the requester is interested in Ms. Emerson's 1956 coverage from South Vietnam for *The New York Times* , as well as her public relations work for a Filipino medical charity named Operation Brotherhood based in Saigon.

(b)(5)

- *The FOIA case manager accepted the case,* *The requester was denied a fee waiver because the release of the information requested was unlikely to contribute significantly to the public's understanding of United States Government operations and activities. However, because the requester is currently teaching on this subject, only reproduction costs (as stipulated by the "educational and non-commercial scientific institution" fee category) will be charged.* (b)(3)

  Editor: The requester provides proof of Ms. Emerson's death (in the form of the NYT *obituaries page) to gain access to "this highly relevant information that has otherwise been unavailable to me." As described, Ms. Emerson was "a journalist and author who wrote with angry dignity about the effects of war on Americans, Vietnamese and Palestinians. In her own words (1970): "I was allowed to go to Vietnam because the war was supposed to be over so it didn't matter if a female was sent.* Et voila!*"*

(U//~~AIUO~~) CIA Declassification Center

(U//~~AIUO~~) From the Archives:

(U//~~AIUO~~) Unbreakable Traditions in Romania
(U//~~AIUO~~) From a National Security Council (NSC) document discussing Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko's upcoming visit to Bucharest in October 1978: When the US Embassy asked about the prospects for the visit, the Romanian Foreign Ministry official replied: "Tradition has been established that all visits to Bucharest are successful, and there is no reason to expect this one to depart from it."

- *Comment: This response highlights how eager Eastern Bloc officials were to demonstrate their solidarity with Moscow, and put a good public 'face' on all interactions.* (b)(3)

(U//~~AIUO~~) Havel Arrested
(U//~~AIUO~~) A 1979 Current Intelligence Bulletin (CIB) reports that "playwright Vaclav Havel was among some ten Czech dissidents arrested yesterday." Spokesmen for the Charter 77 human rights movement and members of the Committee for the Defense of Unjustified Persecutees were, likewise, detained.

- *Comment: By December 1989, Vaclav Havel was serving as president of Czechoslovakia —an early example of sweeping political change over an Eastern Europe now free of Soviet domination. Subsequently, he served as president of the Czech Republic, following the peaceful dissolution of Czechoslovakia into two states.* (b)(3)

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(U//~~AIUO~~) Tasking the Intelligence Community
(U//~~AIUO~~) From a 1979 "NSC Activities" item from Brzezinski to President Carter: "About two years ago, a member of my staff tasked CIA with preparing a paper explaining Soviet military readiness levels. The agency's report was outstanding and led to several follow-up studies and publications. In fact, a House Intelligence

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Committee official recently used this query as an example of how well the Intelligence Community can respond to a consumer's requirement which is precisely worded, deals with a specifically defined area, and orients the community toward issues and developments which, previously, may have been neglected." [redacted] (b)(3)

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